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Applicant: Ryoichi Mukai
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed April 5, 2004, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-6 and 13), with traverse. The grounds for traversal are that examination of both groups would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. The non-elected claims share several common features with the elected claims, and a search for the two groups would likely overlap. For this reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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